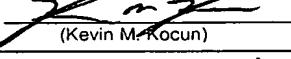


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action mailed December 19, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Official Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a drill guide, classified in class 600, subclass 27.

II. Claims 19-24, drawn to a method, classified in class 606, subclass 96.

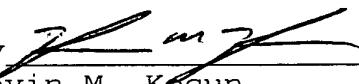
In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-18. However, Applicants

reserve the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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